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<p>Subject: The MUFTI's preparation for guerrilla war.</p> <p>The following information concerns the activities of the MUFTI in the Levant States in the latter half of July and has been received from a tried source.</p> <p>Attitude to the Cease-Fire</p> <p>i. The MUFTI was indignant at the acceptance of the cease-fire by the Arab League and has decided to conduct guerrilla warfare in Palestine. He intends to set up his own headquarters in Bethlehem.</p> <p>ii. He expects to receive money, arms and equipment from the Arab Governments. He maintains that he can already provide 5,000 men fully armed (probably Palestinians trained at the Jatanah camp in Syria) and that he will recruit others from Palestine and the surrounding states.</p> <p>Fawzi Kawukji</p> <p>iii. On 21st July, the MUFTI was induced by the Lebanese Minister of Defense to meet Fawzi Kawukji at Aley in the Lebanon. The MUFTI proposed that Kawukji should join forces with him in conducting irregular warfare in Palestine. Kawukji, who had just severed his connection with the Lebanese army command in order to operate independently in Palestine, willingly agreed.</p> <p>Intelligence Network.</p> <p>iv. The network of agents and informers previously maintained by the MUFTI in Palestine and the Levant States has been seriously dislocated by the recent hostilities. At present his chief agents are stated to be:</p> <p>Jerusalem-Saadaddin al-Ari Jericho-Ali Muheddin Hussein Nablus-Faisal al-Nablus Hebron-Sheikh Abdul-Haj Arafat. Jenin-Abdul-Afu al-Amin.</p> <p>Liaison officers between the MUFTI and his followers in Palestine are:</p> <p>Munir Abu-Isa Yusef al-Rimawi Ibrahim Abu-Diyya Khaled al-Husseini."</p>			
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